

## AIR FORCE FAMILIES FOREVER

Air Force Families Forever (AFFF) is a long-term aftercare program established to provide proactive outreach to family members who have lost a loved one that was, at the time of death, serving on Active Duty in the United States Air Force. Specific procedures have been devised to provide time-limited outreach to all persons listed on the deceased member's Virtual Record of Emergency Data (vRED). The program's objective is to provide resources, support and information to help survivors adapt to life without their loved one. Although the proactive support is finite, indefinite support is available for family members who seek extended assistance at any time. The AFFF Mission statement: "Once a part of the Air Force family, always a part of the Air Force family."

The AFFF program evolved as more family members were added to the caseload. The program was decentralized and is now headquartered within the AFPC Directorate of Airman and Family Care, Airman and Family Division. The current structure allows the AFFF workload to be better distributed, thus increasing manageability, and most importantly, ensuring families are supported by an Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) at an AF installation closest to their residence. At the grass-roots level, A&FRC personnel provide resources, support, and information to help family members adapt to life without their loved one.

Air Force Families Forever also offers family members the opportunity to request additional grief and emotional support that has not been traditionally offered or supplied to all families. *The AFFF* program takes a proactive approach in supporting families throughout the force, no matter where they are, with support and assistance directly tied to the family's specific needs.

For more information please visit:

http://www.afpc.af.mil//library/airforcefamiliesforever.asp